

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the patent application.

Claim 1 (original): A button-attaching device comprising:

an upper die for fixing a button; a lower die on which a button coupler to be coupled with the button with a fabric interposed therebetween is disposed; and a button holder for temporarily holding the button, wherein

the button is fixed to the upper die by transferring the button held by the button holder to the upper die.

Claim 2 (original): The button-attaching device according to claim 1, wherein the button holder includes a button holder moving unit for moving the button holder between a button holding position for holding the button with the button holder and a button transferring position for transferring the button from the button holder to the upper die.

Claim 3 (original): The button-attaching device according to claim 2, wherein the button holder moving unit moves the button holder along a circular trajectory between the button holding position and the button transferring position.

Claim 4 (original): The button-attaching device according to claim 3, wherein the button holder moving unit includes: a rotating shaft; a rotating member that is rotatable around the rotating shaft, one end of the rotating member being connected to the button holder; and a resilient member connected to the rotating member, the resilient member acting so that the button holder moved away from the button holding position returns to the button holding position.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The button-attaching device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, further comprising:

a unit for moving the button holder away from a lifting path of the upper die in conjunction with a lift-down motion of the upper die.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The button-attaching device according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the button holder includes a projection or a dent corresponding to a notch or a tab as a marker for a circumferential position of the button.

Claim 7 (original): A method for fixing a button to an upper die of a button-attaching device, the method comprising:

temporarily holding the button with a button holder; and
transferring the button held in the button holder to the upper die.

Claim 8 (original): The method according to claim 7, wherein, when the button is set on the button holder, the button is circumferentially positioned.